

Remarks

The Office Action dated July 27, 2006, has been carefully considered.

Claims 1-27 and 30 have been amended for clarification.

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pesce et al. The claims of the present invention specifically set forth the superabsorbent polymer particles consisting essentially of polymeric resin composition particles and an aminopolysaccharide polymer particles. Pesce et al. fails to disclose or suggest superabsorbent polymer particles consisting essentially of polymeric resin composition particles and an aminopolysaccharide polymer particles as set forth in the present claims. The amendment of claims 1-27 and 30 renders this rejection moot. Being moot, the rejection of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration of the claims in the present application is respectfully requested. If, however, any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' counsel at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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